

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Homeland Security		2019	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee		9488	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	04/30/2019	04/30/2021	
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
No			
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Coast Guard Authorization of 1998 (P.L. 105-383) Section 303, as amended	11/13/1998	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open Meetings and Dates	17b. Closed Meetings and Dates	17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates	17d. Total Meetings and Dates
No Meetings			

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee provides a public forum for discussing pilotage issues that impact the safe, reliable, and efficient operation of vessels on the Great Lakes. This process includes the stakeholders and industry providing feedback resulting in a better understanding of issues from the big picture perspective.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The authorizing statute clearly specifies the constituencies to be represented. It specifies the following 7 members: the President of each of the three Great Lakes pilot associations; representative of Great Lakes ports; representative of shippers whose cargoes are transported through the Great lakes; representative of vessel operators that contract for Great Lakes pilotage service; and one member with a background in finance/accounting.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee met two times in FY-18. Once in April, provided 7 recommendations. And once in September, provided 4 recommendations.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Committee is mandated by statute. The issues affecting Great Lakes Pilotage are broad and diverse and impact the economies of the Great Lakes Marine Transportation System. The GLPAC is the only advisory committee that has the experience and knowledge to advise the Coast Guard on these matters.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-281) renewed the Committee's statutory authority through September 30, 2020.

Designated Federal Officer

Rajiv Khandpur Chief, Office of Waterways and Ocean Policy

Committee Members Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Baker, John	09/22/2017 09/22/2020	International Longshoremen's Association	Representative Member

Boyce, John	01/01/2013	12/31/2018	President, St. Lawrence Seaway Pilots' Association	Representative Member
Gallagher, Dan	08/05/2010	12/31/2018	President, Lakes Pilots' Association	Representative Member
Klein, Michael	09/22/2017	09/22/2020	Chartering Manager, Grain Marketing North America	Representative Member
Swartout, John	02/18/2016	12/31/2018	Registered Pilot, Western Great Lakes Pilots Association	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 5

Narrative Description

The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee was established by the Secretary to review proposed regulations and policies, advise on matters related to Great Lakes pilotage and provide recommendations. The Committee provides a public forum for discussing pilotage issues that impact the safe, reliable, and efficient operation of vessels on the Great Lakes. This process includes the stakeholders providing feedback resulting in a better understanding of issues from the big picture perspective. The recommendations for this Committee were controversial and will likely result in a revisit in the following FY before finalization.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

52

Number of Recommendations Comments

Recommendations pertain to the USCG regulation and policies that promote safe, efficient, and reliable pilotage service on the Great Lakes with regard to compulsory pilotage requirements, coordination and alignment with the Canadian Great Lakes Pilotage Authority (GLPA), governance, oversight, pool operations, ratemaking, credentialing, working rules, dispatching, fatigue, compensation, recruitment, capital investment, training, and continuation of the committee. Added (7) recommendations from the Regulation Reform Sub-committee meeting. Added (4) recommendations from the September 2018 Annual Meeting.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

12%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Coast Guard held its annual meeting in Cape Vincent, NY at the suggestion of the Committee where there was increased attendance and lively discussion. No additional recommendations were completed as the work is ongoing efforts.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

87%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Based on the September 2018 meeting, the Coast Guard continues to work on those recommendations that have not yet been fully implemented, and the Committee expressed that changes and actions taken to date are moving the Great Lakes system in a positive direction.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Coast Guard will inform the members of the Advisory Committee at subsequent meetings, informal notification via e-mail or telephone, or by publishing proposed regulations on issues affecting registered pilots.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

All GLPAC stakeholders affected by Great Lakes pilotage diligently attend these meetings and have representation on the Committee. Regular attendance of the Canadian Great Lakes Pilotage Authority enhances coordination and awareness which strengthens Great Lakes pilotage efforts. The Committee has been instrumental as a forum for discussing and resolving very contentious and politically charged issues relating to the USCG's statutory responsibility to prepare rates that pilots may charge for their services. GLPAC has also provided very helpful comments on issues relating to safety equipment, pilot boats and computerized pilotage assistance software. GLPAC has also provided a valuable forum for discussion of international pilotage issues that affect both sides of the U.S.-Canadian border. There are current plans to engage the GLPAC on ratemaking methodology, pilot operations and management, and further coordination with the Canadian government. Feedback from the Committee supports agency action on the Great Lakes and provides impetus for further adjustments to the pilotage system.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A